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MAL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003. A shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on May 28, 2003, which is three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, this Amendment and Reply is timely submitted.

This Amendment and Reply is being submitted in the revised format now permitted by the Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to the Pre-Official Gazette Notice dated January 31, 2003.

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